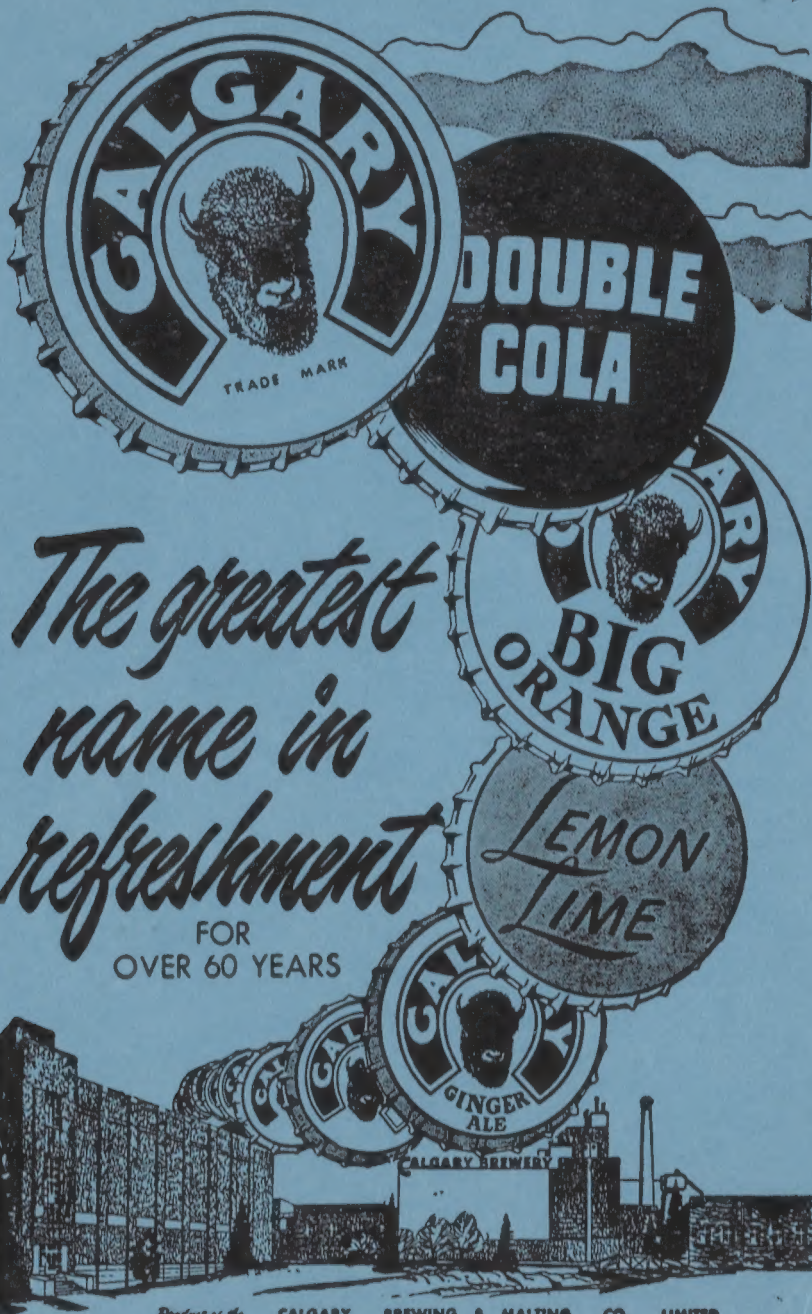


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- Page 11. "First Battalion Report" Fourth Para
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- Page 12. First Para after "Major Gordon Henderson" read "reported that he had lost a month which even the training officer was unable to return to him. Everyone was busy."
- Page 12. Third Para
For "Volkes" read "Vokes"
- Page 12. Fourth Para
For "Jovial" read "Ceremonial"
- Page 25. "Tribute to a Good Soldier"
Second Para for "be" read "he"
- Page 36. Fifth Para
For "cowby" read "cowboy"

2 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPORTS

Wainwright, Alberta

18 July, 1955



Pte. J. Bell, 1 Battalion, receives plaque for winners of 880 yard relay race from Mrs. C. Vokes.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Allied with
The Rifle Brigade
(Prince Consort's Own)



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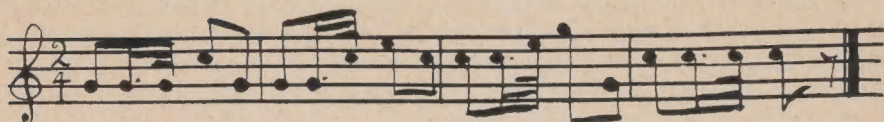
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REGIMENTAL NOTES



A Regiment's Affairs, however little, are important to the Regiment itself.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was formed in Ottawa and, after each campaign abroad, the Regiment's home station has been changed.

After World War I the Regiment returned to Ottawa and, after a short period in Ontario, moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Regimental Headquarters and "A" Company were located at Fort Osborne Barracks. "B" Company was located at Work Point Barracks in Esquimalt, B.C.

On the outbreak of World War 2, the Regiment was recruited to Battalion strength and concentrated in Winnipeg for the move overseas.

Following World War 2, the Regiment returned to Winnipeg and after a few months moved to Currie Barracks, in Calgary.

It was inevitable therefore that the Regiment should move again following the Korean campaign. It is not for reasons political or strategical that this latest move is necessary. It is a case of history repeating itself.

The new home station, now under construction, is located in Edmonton, Alberta. The Regimental Depot will move to the Prince of Wales armouries in October but occupation of the new barracks is not expected until 1956.

The Regiment regrets leaving the friendly City of Calgary and there will be many rough spots and heartaches ahead before our new home is occupied. However, in keeping with tradition, we shall face the future with our tails up and our powder dry.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

40th ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF FREZENBERG

8 May 1955

First Battalion and the Depot paraded to the Cenotaph, in the City of Calgary, for the annual memorial service in honour of our fallen comrades. The Colours of First Battalion, the Regimental Band and the Battalion Drums were on parade.

Major J. R. Koensgen, MC, acting commanding officer First Battalion, was in command of the parade which formed up at Mewata Armoury and marched East on Eighth Avenue to Fourth Street West, then South to the cenotaph at Twelfth Avenue.

A Depot recruit, Pte. Gladstone, D.V., carried the Regiment's wreath in the parade, behind the Colours, and placed it at the foot of the cenotaph during the ceremony.

"Today we have paraded to pay homage to our comrades who fought and fell in action with the Regiment in two Great Wars and in Korea. Ours is a proud heritage. Let us not forget those gallant men who brought glory to our Regiment."

Lt. Col. R. A. Bradburn, ED commanding officer, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) took the salute at the conclusion of the ceremony at the cenotaph.

A message from our Colonel-in-Chief, the Lady Patricia Ramsay, reads:

"Thinking of my Regiment on anniversary of Frezenberg with its proud memories."

BRIDAGIER WILLIAM GOURLAY COLQUHOUN, CBE, MC RETIRED

Accepted First Battalion's invitation to take the salute at "Trooping the Colour" ceremony on 10 June 1955.

Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC, entered the Regiment as a Lieutenant on mobilization of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, at Ottawa, 8 August 1914, and proceeded overseas as one of the original officers.

As the scout officer of the Regiment, he formed a "corps d'elite" of marksmen to cope with the enemy snipers at St. Eloi in January, 1915. Lieutenant Colquhoun rendered good service in thus laying the foundations of a sniping section in which the Regiment always took great pride.

On the evening of 27 February, 1915, Lieutenant Colquhoun while carrying out a reconnaissance within the enemy lines was taken prisoner. This daring officer received the Military Cross and was subsequently "brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for gallant determination in attempting to escape from captivity."

He survived his long imprisonment and became the first adjutant of the Regiment after its reorganization in 1919 as a unit of the Canadian Permanent Force.

Promoted to the rank of major on 20 January 1932, he commanded B Company, PPCLI, stationed at Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.

On 16 February, 1937, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and

took command of the Regiment at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

With the outbreak of World War 2, he immediately recruited the Regiment from two company strength to battalion strength as a unit of the Canadian Active Service Force. The Regiment left Winnipeg for overseas on 17 December, 1939.

Through the early days of 1940, he trained his Battalion and the Regiment stood ready at Dunfirmline, Scotland for the Norway expedition on 21 April. This operation was, however, cancelled.

On 14 September 1940, he bade adieu to the Regiment and returned to Canada with the rank of Brigadier. He commanded brigades of the 6th Canadian Division in Nova Scotia and in British Columbia.

He was decorated as a Commander of the British Empire and retired from the Canadian Army in 1945.

Known affectionately in the Regiment as "Shorty" (he is six feet 7 inches tall) this colourful commander is beloved by all and the stories told of him are legion.

Now living at 199 Denison Road in Victoria, B.C., he takes a keen interest in all activities of the Regiment and is an annual visitor at the "Trooping the Colour" ceremony. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. For the past two years, he has been Chairman of the Regimental Association.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Regiment takes great pride in recording the fact that both the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay and the Honorary Colonel, Brigadier A. H. Gault have now been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in accordance with Canadian Army Order No. 128-25.

The Lady Patricia Ramsay received her award in 1951.

The Canadian Forces Decoration

Brigadier Andrew Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED.

ZB 2618 Major Stewart Leslie Dymond.

ZM 801 Captain Robert Harvey Graham.

ZK 9027 Francis Murray McLeod.

SH 77201 Sergeant Fredrick Stephen, DODD.

The Canadian Efficiency Decoration

ZL 400 Major James Lawrence Hart.

The Canadian Efficiency Medal

ZK 4526 Lieutenant Alfred Stanley Wagstaff.

Many Patricia's who served with the Regiment during World War 2 will be pleased to know that Captain R. F. S. Robertson, MC, is very much alive.

Bobbie established contact with the Regiment again, after all these years, when he made enquiries about a Regimental blazer.

He now works for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. and is employed on the development of nuclear power.

He lives at 19 Laurier Avenue in Deep River, Ontario.

DRESS

Under provisions of Orders and Instructions for Dress of the Canadian Army, Article 1.02 officers and warrant officers class 1 will, at their own expense, provide themselves with, and maintain, articles of uniform in the required quantities, and according to the appropriate sealed patterns. Regimental officers require the following:

SERIAL	ITEM OF DRESS	REMARKS	WHEN WORN
1.	Patrol Dress—Patrol pattern, split cuff, two buttons on sleeve		Dress No. 1 and 2
2.	Waist, Sash—Crimson silk net		No. 1 and 2
3.	Shoulder Cords—Detachable, gold basket cord		No. 1
4.	Infantry Sword—With dress scabbard		No. 1
5.	Sword, Knot—Gold cord and acorn		No. 1
6.	Sword Slings—Crimson Russian leather attached to waist sword belt		No. 1
7.	Orders, Decorations and Medals—Court mounting	No. 1 and 4, 5, 6, 7 as ordered	
8.	Shoulder Straps—Detachable with Patrol Dress		No. 2
9.	Mess Dress—Optional—Army specification CDA/DID/CLO 7-5-6 collar 2¼ inches high		No. 3
10.	Miniatures—Court mounting		No. 3
11.	Service Dress—Barathea—round cuff without buttons		No. 4
12.	Summer Service Dress—Service Dress Pattern		No. 5
13.	Battle Dress—Two suits, regulation pattern		No. 6
14.	Field Summer Dress—Two suits, regulation pattern		No. 7
15.	Boots, Ankle Brown—Grained leather with toe cap		No. 6 and 7
16.	Shoes, Brown—Grained leather with toe cap		No. 4 and 5
17.	Half Wellingtons or George Boots—Regulation pattern		No. 1, 2 and 3
18.	Badge, Cap—Two, regimental		All dress
19.	Badge of Rank—Metal, silver		No. 1 Dress
20.	Badge of Rank—Embroidered, silver		No. 3 Dress
21.	Badge of Rank—Metal, polished brass, No. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Greatcoat, Raincoat and BW		
22.	Badge, Shoulder—Metal, silver, PPCLI		No. 1 Dress
23.	Badge, Shoulder—Metal, polished brass, PPCLI		No. 2, 4, 5, and 7
24.	Badge, Shoulder—Cloth, PPCLI		No. 6 Dress
25.	Badge, Collar—Metal, Patricia's		No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
26.	Buttons, screw type—Regimental		No. 1 and 2 Dress
27.	Belt, Sam Browne—Regulation		No. 4 and 5 Dress
28.	Belt, Waist, Web—Regimental		No. 6 and 7 Dress
29.	Coat, British, Warm—Optional, Regulation		Not on parades
30.	Raincoat—Regulation		Non-operational
31.	Greatcoat—Regulation		As ordered
32.	Socks—Regulation, olive drab with shoes		As required
33.	Gloves, Brown—Brown Kid leather		No. 4 and 6 Dress
34.	Gloves, White—White Kid leather		No. 1, 2 and 3 Dress
35.	Beret—Airborne or Dark Green		No. 7 Dress
36.	Khaki Forage Cap—Fur felt, regimental pattern		No. 4, 5 and 6 Dress
37.	Coloured Forage Cap—Dark Green, regimental pattern		No. 1, 2 and 3 Dress
38.	Lanyard—Dark Green, regimental		No. 4, 5, 6 and 7 Dress
39.	Putties, Short, Dark—Fox		No. 6 and 7 Dress
40.	Stick—Regimental Pattern		Not on parades

41. Blazer—Dark Green, regimental	Not on duty
42. Flannels—Grey or White	With blazer
43. Tie—Regimental, silk	With blazer
44. Tie—Web, dark	No. 4, 5 and 6 Dress
45. Collars, White—Linen strip	No. 1, 2 and 3 Dress
46. Cuffs, White—Linen	No. 1 and 2 Dress
47. Shirts, White—Dress	No. 3 Dress
48. Cummerbund—French-grey, regulation pattern	No. 3 Dress for summer wear

REGIMENTAL HATTER

The military hatters of Thomas & Stone, 108 St. Jermyn St., St. James, London, England, advise they have amalgamated with Walter Barnard & Son, 97 Jermyn Street, London, England.

REGIMENTAL BLAZER

The Regimental blazer can now be procured in correct detail from:

Jones, Chalk & Dawson Ltd.
6 Sackville Street
LONDON W1, England.

- (a) Cost of complete blazer £21.0.0
- (b) Embroidered badge can be ordered separately for £ 3.3.0
- (c) Measurements can be sent by mail.
- (d) Three to four weeks are required to produce the finished garment.

REGIMENTAL TIE

The Regimental Tie as approved by the Honorary Colonel is now available from:

- (a) Beale and Inman, and
- (b) Hawkes Ltd. of London, England.

These Ties will be available at the home station, P.P.C.L.I. Depot, in December, 1955—cost \$3.00 plus mailing charges.

REGIMENTAL MARCHES

**Princess Patricia's Canadian Light
Infantry**

"The Colonel"

PPCLI Pipe Band (1914-1919)

"Blue Bonnets Over the Border"

The Rifle Brigade

"Ninety-Five"

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

"Bonnie Dundee"

SPORTS

On 29 June, 1955, a Regimental Track and Field Meet was held at the home station.

By kind permission of the City of Calgary, Mewata Stadium was made available for track events. Individual and team "field events" were held at Currie Barracks.

Congratulations are due to the officials for a successful day.

Referee	Major C. G. Short, MC
Clerk of the course	CSM Haas, H.
Starter	Lt. G. Holmes
Scorer	CSM Mack, F. L.
Announcer	S/Sgt. Shaw, E. P.
Judge	2/Lt. G. D. Hunt
Field Judge	Captain W. Craig
Prizes	2/Lt. R. L. Mathews
Equipment	2/Lt. W. E. Hutchinson

Seven teams competed — First Battalion's A, B, C, D, Sp and H.Q. Company and the Depot. Competition was keen and the winning team was not decided until the last event had been completed. Both competitors and spectators displayed keen interest and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Team Standings

First—PPCLI Depot	127 points
Second—C Company	118 points
Third—B Company	91 points
Fourth—Support Company	85 points
Fifth—D Company	76 points
Sixth—H.Q. Company	54 points
Seventh—A Company	39 points

Individual Aggregate

Pte. Dumas, R. O.	PPCLI Depot
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Trophies Awarded to Teams

1. Team aggregate	PPCLI Depot
2. Softball champions	Support Company
3. Volleyball champions	Support Company
4. Tug o' War (open)	PPCLI Depot

Prizes were presented by

Lieutenant Colonel T. de Faye, MBE
Commanding Officer
First Battalion

The following gentlemen have been allocated to the Regiment with effect 1 June 1955 as Regular Officers:

Lieutenant Graeme Martin Kirby.
Lieutenant John David Snowball.
Lieutenant Jeffery Scott Upton.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Volume 3

Further contributions of twenty-five dollars for numbered and autographed copies are gratefully acknowledged:

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- 33 Hon. Lt. Col. Eric L. Harvie (Calgary).
- 34 Mr. E. B. Durham (Calgary)
- 35 Major G. E. Henderson, C.D. (1 P.P.C.L.I.).
- 36 Lt. Col. H. W. Niven, D.S.O., M.C. (retired), Scotland.
- 37 Lt. Col. T. de Faye, M.B.E. (CO. 1 P.P.C.L.I.).
- 38 Major J. R. Koensgen, M.C. (2IC, 1 P.P.C.L.I.).

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Our historian, who has been engaged for some time on the third volume of the Regimental history,

reports that the operational chapters are nearing completion. Some of them have been circulated to various officers for reading and criticism. Among those who have scrutinized the early chapters are Lieut.-Colonel W. de N. Watson, DSO, MC; Major Colin McDougall, DSO; Capt. R. G. M. Gammell, a former adjutant of the Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. R. P. Clarke, DSO, who commanded the Regiment in Italy during the Gothic Line operations. Brigadier C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, when settled in his new post, also will read the first draft.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Historian it has been decided to include a number of chapters or sub-chapters written by members of the Regiment who were engaged in the various operations. These chapters will be in addition to the Historian's continuity; their aim will be to provide an intimate narrative—the scene as remembered by the men who did the fighting. The best historian in the world cannot know everything that happened nor are all the facts included in any record. The Historian therefore would be deeply grateful for any personal narratives from members or former members of the Regiment which might fit into the context of the history. Any manuscripts, letters or other records which are submitted will be carefully examined for useful material. Thereafter they will be returned. Such material should be forwarded without delay to Lieut.-Col. G. R. Stevens, OBE, 144 Strathearn Ave., Montreal West, Que.

Photographs held by members or ex-members of the Regiment which are considered suitable for inclusion would be gratefully accepted for examination and returned to the owners afterwards.

It is hoped to be able to place the third volume on sale during 1956.

Regimental Sergeant Major
OWEN GARDNER, CD
Commissioned 27 July, 1955



Photo by Calgary Herald

The congratulations of the Regiment are due to a very worthy member of the family who by his long, efficient and meritorious service has been appointed a classified officer in the Canadian Army Regular with the rank of Captain.

Captain O. Gardner, CD was born in Godalming, Surrey and came to Canada as a boy. He enlisted in the Regiment on 18 August, 1923 at Winnipeg, Manitoba and has served continuously in the Regular Army, a total of thirty-two years.

As a senior non-commissioned officer of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, he was a member of the famous instructional cadre prior to World War 2. He was well known throughout Western Canada as an efficient instructor where he was employed on Royal and Provisional, Infantry and Machine Gun Schools of Instruction and

at the Canadian Army Small Arms School.

At the outbreak of the war in September 1939, he was selected as Regimental Sergeant Major of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and proceeded overseas with the Regiment.

During World War 2, he served with the Regiment; the instructional wings of No. 1 and No. 7 Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit; No. 9 and No. 10 Canadian Brigade Reinforcement Battalion; and as Regimental Sergeant Major of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in Europe.

He volunteered for the Canadian Army Pacific Force in 1945 and on 31 January, 1946 returned to the Regiment as Regimental Sergeant Major.

He was of great assistance to the Regiment during re-organization as part of the Canadian Army Active Force. He qualified as a parachutist in 1949 when the Regiment was selected as Canada's first airborne regiment.

He served in Korea as RSM of First Battalion in 1951 and subsequently as RSM of 25 CRG in 1952.

On 1 June 1953, he was selected as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Regimental Depot. During the organization of this new unit of the Regiment and in the training of recruits, his wealth of experience and knowledge of regimental customs and tradition were invaluable.

Particular mention must be made of his tireless energy and devotion to the work of setting up the Regimental museum. It is due to his efforts that the museum is in such splendid shape today.

The Regiment will lose a first class Regimental Sergeant Major. The Regiment, however, knows that he will give a good account of himself when he takes on his new duties.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

The Regiment

- (a) Sword case.
- (b) Medal case.
- (c) Trophy case.
- (d) Sergeant's chevrons—Gold.

Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC, - PPCLI.

- (a) Coloured print, "Sandy".
- (b) Regimental Photographs 1919-1920.
- (c) Photograph—The late Lieutenant J. M. Christie, MC, DCM - PPCLI.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. J. R. Cameron - PPCLI
\$250.00.**Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Cameron, OBE - PPCLI.**

- (a) Photograph as Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI.
- (b) Engraved shield - To display cap badges of Regiments allied with the Rifle Brigade.

First Battalion

Set of photographs, "Trooping the Colour", 1955.

Major E. D. McPhail, CD - Depot, PPCLI

Invitation, Menu - Officers' Mess, Holland, 1945.

Major R. B. Mainprize, CD

- (a) Russian semi-auto rifle.
- (b) German DB pistol - signal.
- (c) Paper mementos.
- (d) Prewar copies of Patrician.

Major W. H. J. Stutt - 2 PPCLI

Photographs - Funeral of the late CSM N. S. B. Woolfson, PPCLI.

Major B. D. Strachan - 1 PPCLI

Regimental cap badge - Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

Captain D. E. Jones - Depot PPCLI

Belt web - '08 pattern.

Lieutenant A. Gale - 1 PPCLI

Situation map - 3 Bn Korea

Second Lieutenant R. L. Mathews - Depot PPCLI

Situation photographs - air - Korea.

B/WO 1 A. McCulloch - PPCLI

- (a) Glengarry - Black Watch (RH).
- (b) Cap Badge - HLI.

RQMS D. Smith - 1 PPCLI

Rifle - SMLE .303.

CSM E. O. Roberts - Depot PPCLI

Caps NP Patrol - Pattern in wear 1939.

CSM J. Devlin - 1 PPCLI

- (a) Two shell casings - 18 pdr.
- (b) Bayonet - '07 pattern.
- (c) Escape Kit - Issued to 1 Bn, Korea.
- (d) Russian pistol - Signal.
- (e) Stein with Regimental badge (Made by Mrs. F. Baker)

CQMS. J. B. Mackie - 1 PPCLI

Red Cross insignia used by the RAP at the "Gothic line" Italy 1944.

Sgt. J. R. Falconer - Depot PPCLI

Photograph, "Trooping the Colour", 1950.

Sgt. D. Segin - 1 PPCLI

Sash scarlet - Infantry.

Sgt. J. H. Shinn - 1 PPCLI

Four German medals - Nazi.

Drum Major F. Price - 1 PPCLI

- (a) Italian fuggle horn - Military.
- (b) Set of bass drum sticks.

Sgt. J. H. Richardson, DCM - 1 PPCLI.

Rifle - Enfield 1863.

Medals awarded the late SMI J. Lennox, PPCLI

(Presented by Mrs. A. R. (Margaret) Hall - Daughter)

- (a) Queen's Medal, South Africa, with clasps - Orange Free State, Transvaal, Cape Colony.
- (b) King's Medal, South Africa with clasps: 1901, 1902.
- (c) 1914-1915 Star.
- (d) General Service Medal.
- (e) Victory Medal.
- (f) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Medals Awarded the Late Captain L. M. Black, MC - PPCLI

(Presented by Mrs. A. Black - Winnipeg)

- (a) Military Cross
- (b) General Service Medal.
- (c) Victory Medal.

Property of the late CSM N. S. B. Woolfson - PPCLI

(Presented by Mrs. Kay Woolfson - Barrie)

Regimental Photographs.

Honours and Awards Section—AHQ

The following medals have been loaned to the museum:

- (a) 1939-1945 Star.
- (b) The Africa Star.
- (c) The Italy Star.
- (d) CVSM and clasp (two).
- (e) The Korea Medal (two).
- (f) United Nations Service Medal (two).
- (g) Canadian Efficiency Decoration (two).
- (h) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal - Military (two).
- (j) Canadian Efficiency Medal (two).
- (k) Canadian Forces Decoration (two).

1 QOR of C

Wooden model of a Rifleman in pre 1914 full dress.

Second Battalion - 6th Gurkha Rifles

Regimental Cap Badge - 6th Gurkha Rifles.

Colonel J. S. Wallace - The War Office

Regimental Cap Badge (two).

Melbourne University Regiment.

Major C. M. Rehill, CD - QOR of C

- (a) Silk handkerchief worked with PPCLI badge, etc.
- (b) Brass name plate - "A" Coy, PPCLI.

Major E. C. St. J. Murdoch,

Regimental Cap Badge - BCR (DCOR).

Captain J. A. Wood - RCOC

- (a) Pistol - German Walther .635.
- (b) Set of SAA rifle showing various stages of manufacture.

Lieutenant M. Barnet - Cdn Guards

Set of Regimental Cap Badges, PPCLI.

Sgt. H. S. McNair - RCAPC

Canadian Army tunic - Pattern in wear 1914.

Major R. F. Bruce, MBE, CD - PPCLI

- (a) Revolver - .380.
- (b) Pistol Aut. Browning 9mm.

L/Cpl. P. Devlin - 2 QOR of C

Cartoon books, etc. - Korea, Japan.

Miss Jenny Morris - London, England

- (a) Medallion - Unveiling Vimy Memorial 1936.
- (b) Carved Cap Badge - PPCLI.

Mrs. George Black, M.P. - Yukon Territories

- (a) Portrait of the late Captain L. M. Black, MC - PPCLI.
- (b) Regimental cap badge - Yukon MG Coy.
(Original badge showing gold pan and nuggets).

Mrs. H. F. Crowe - Victoria

Austrian "Schwarzlose" MG.

(This weapon was taken from an aircraft shot down by the late Pilot Officer H. F. Crowe in Italy 1917.)

Major F. Burt-Johns - Service Police RCAF - Lincoln Park

- (a) Court mounting of all medals in the museum.
 - (b) Lapel button - Service at the Front 1914 - 1918.
 - (c) Lapel button - Honourable Service 1914-1918.
 - (d) British war medal - 1914-1920. (Inscribed Colour Sergeant Burt-Johns (63rd Halifax Rifles).
 - (e) British war medal - 1914-1920. (Inscribed Corporal F. Burt-Johns.)
 - (f) Victory Medal - 1914-1918.
 - (g) British Defence Medal (two).
 - (h) France and Germany Star.
 - (j) Military Medal.
 - (k) Crown - Company Sergeant Major - Gold.
- Mr. Lee Munroe - Calgary**
- (a) White dress shirt with studs and tie.

- (b) Sword bayonet - 1858.
- (c) Coloured poster - "Trooping the Colour".

Mr. A. Tanner - Calgary

Sword bayonet - 1863.

Mr. N. Weismose - Calgary

- (a) Danish Krone note
- (b) Danish postage stamps - German occupation.
- (c) German dirk - Nazi - Hitler Jugend.

Mr. F. Weldin - Calgary

- (a) German Army water bottle.
- (b) German issue chocolate.
- (c) Model ship (in bottle) made by German POW.

Mr. H. D. Mcleod - Edmonton

Steel helmet - US. Army.

Lieutenant M. B. Gausden (PRO - B.C. Area)

The Illustrated War News - 10 March, 1915.

Major L. P. Hayward, MBE, ED (Sussex, England)

Cap badge of Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps.

Major C. Gilliat, ED (Glos., England)

History of Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps.

Major J. R. Koensgen, MC (2IC, 1 PPCLI)

Japanese sumari sword.

FIRST BATTALION REPORT

Following the enjoyable traditional celebrations of the 17th of March, First Battalion simultaneously undertook the conversion to the T10 parachute and a major reorganization to fill up the specialist platoons of Headquarters and Support Companies. The T10 almost lived up to its reputation when it deposited the 2IC, OC HQ Coy, RSM and Tpt officers all in a heap between the fences near a hay stack. Three aircraft loads had the unenviable distinction of waiting four weeks from chute fitting to actual jump. As usual, even this could not be accomplished without four mornings of reville at 4 a.m. The group concerned took a very disenchanted view of the weather.

The rifle companies were gradually filled with new soldiers from PPCLI Depot. Specialist courses and training again filled every nook, cranny and washroom of Currie Barracks and Sarcee. During March and April the tempo continued at a rate only to be described as frantic.

The officers and sergeants messes continued busy, and April saw them both bidding farewell to Lt Col and Mrs. J. R. Cameron. Not content with snarling up most of the outdoor

training, the blizzard season pursued and delayed the Camerons for three days in Montana.

On assuming command, Major J. R. Koensgen, MC, contented himself with invoking officers on physical training. It probably isn't true that he did it knowing full well that he was proceeding to Petewawa for ten days, but that rumour certainly did the rounds. 2/LT Hutchinson was in his glory—he fearlessly passed out push-ups to the field officers, adjutant and paymaster, and the grunts and groans in Harvey Hall were magnificent. Rehearsals for the GOC's inspection were planned, and the weatherman threw hail, snow and rain at almost every parade. The ranges were in use if the visibility extended beyond fifty feet and the recruits discovered that wet weather and mud were normal. It didn't bother either the CO or RSM much—Mike the mascot disliked it intensely, and the comments of the troops were unprintable until they resigned themselves to the inevitable.

Officer commanding support Company refused to be daunted by the fact that at one time he had

four platoons each in three different weeks of training. Between this dispersal, and the weather and the rehearsals for the GOC's Inspection etc., Major Gordon Henderson reported that he had lost a month unable to return to him. Everyone which even the Training Officer was was busy.

To keep the Unit administratively prepared for war, insurrection, flood or riot, the Deputy Minister's Auditors, RCOC Inspection and GOC's Staff inspection all descended at the time selected to outfit the Unit without interfering with training. Priorities changed so quickly that HQ Coy held meetings twice a day to prevent the QM Parade, Pay Parade, and Sick Parade from becoming entangled. The wives of administrative personnel saw so little of their husbands each night that they seriously doubted the advantages of the guaranteed annual wage in lieu of overtime pay.

On 3 May, the annual GOC's Inspection was carried out by Major General C. Volkes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, and a staff team from HQ Western Command. The rehearsal difficulties were forgotten and every Patricia put forth a maximum effort. We were rewarded with the GOC's compliments. A very successful mess dinner honoured General Vokes that evening in the Officers' Mess.

Lt Col T. de Faye, MBE, arrived during May to assume command from Major KOENSGEN. The new CO was welcomed with a jovial parade and Mess dinner.

Lt. Col. de Faye, of Winnipeg and Saskatoon, is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan.

He entered the Army in 1936 as a commissioned officer in the Saskatoon Light Infantry, non permanent active militia. He served with the SLI throughout the Second World War in Sicily, Italy and

Northwest Europe. He was second in command of the Regiment when the war ended.

He commanded 4th Battalion, Royal Winnipeg Rifles as part of



LIEUTENANT COLONEL
THOMAS de FAYE, MBE
Commanding Officer

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the Canadian Occupation Force in Germany after the war, and later, 4th Canadian Repatriation Depot in the United Kingdom.

On his return to Canada, he served as resident staff officer at the University of Saskatchewan. Promoted Lieutenant Colonel 14 February, 1951, he proceeded overseas to attend the Staff College at Camberley, England, and on completion of the staff course served a three month attachment to the British Army of the Rhine.

Since his return to Canada in 1952, he has been employed as a staff officer with the Directorate of Military Training at Army Headquarters in Ottawa.

On assuming command of the

First Battalion, he also takes over the responsibilities and duties of President of the Regimental Executive Committee.

First Battalion proceeds overseas for duty with 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade in October, 1955.

Bon Voyage and Good Luck.

From mid May to June 10, the parade square echoed and re-echoed to RSM Austens' voice, Mike's bark and the tramp of Patricias' feet. Needless to say trooping rehearsals were the priority of the day. The last week involved a camera crew who spent ten days getting twenty minutes of colour film for production. The Hollywood touch was exemplified by "Cecil B. De Mille" Potts, "Coloured Sun-glasses" Anderson and the camera crew itself. The Regiment responded happily to being stars for a day. We all await with interest the showing of the final production.

It is not intended to elaborate on each and every function connected with "Trooping the Colour" for 1955. Consensus of opinion was that it was a good show in every respect. As always there are a great many people involved in the Trooping. As individuals they contributed well, and the overall result was entirely satisfactory.

We were happy and fortunate to have Brigadier Shorty Colquhoun present to formally review the Regiment.

BATTALION SKILL-AT-ARMS DAY

In preparation for the Brigade Skill-at-Arms Day, during the Summer Concentration at Camp Wainwright, the battalion held company team eliminations 28 Jun and 30 Jun 55.

Prizes were awarded to the winning teams in each event, a small trophy for the team and a small individual cash prize for each shown in the table below and members of

member. Team and company aggregates are winning teams follow.

In addition to the Team Matches an Open Rifle Competition was held. Prize winners in this event:

SM 107968 Pte Hansen K W (C Coy)—1st (Trophy and cash prize).

SH 61950 Cpl Calder H C (A Coy)—2nd (cash prize).

SH 205485 Pte Beach R K (A Coy)—3rd (cash prize).

Another event which was distinguished more by the good humor rather than the skill of the competitors was the Officers' Grenade Throw. This was won by 2 Lt F L Berry, whose prize was a bottle of shaving (?) lotion. Lt G A Holmes was the runner-up.

AGGREGATE SCORES

	Bren	Pistol	LMG	Rifle	SMC	Agg.	Pl.
A Coy	56	17	468	534	356	1431	4
B Coy	45	113	671	503	347	1679	1
C Coy	53	94	725	466	337	1675	2
D Coy	58	99	551	349	318	1375	5
Sp. Coy	89	154	663	354	346	1606	3
HQ Coy				384		384	6

WINNING TEAMS

C Coy Bren Teams—1st Place

SK 17626 Pte Reder, A H K; SM 10405 Pte Bodner J S; SH 205515 Pte Morin L J; SM 934 Pte Pierce C N; SL 162143 Pte Mitchell M D; SH 205506 Pte Miner M G.

B Coy Bren Teams—2nd Place

SK 12569 Cpl Smith D M; SH 10809 Cpl Grouette H K; SH 205553 Pte Kruger H; SU 2284 Pte Stone L S; SL 162195 Pte Ritchie U B; SL 162184 Pte Bond W M.

A Coy SMC Team—1st Place

SH 205684 Pte Putz J C; SB 7676 Pte MacDonald H G; SH 205447 Pte Wiebe G; SH 205449 Pte Marthold M; SK 17527 Pte Vinnie D A; SM 109143 Pte Nystrom C.

B Coy SMC Team—2nd Place

SK 8464 Cpl Bolen W F; SH 205595 Pte Winsell J A; SH 205558 Pte Furet L H; SL 162192 Pte Bird I; SM 109102 Pte Gintner D I; ZL 6383 2 Lt F L Berry.

Sp Coy Pistol Team—1st Place

ZK 4697 Lt R S Peacock; ZL 4766 Lt P E Vik; SL 111271 Sgt Vallance J F; SL 111952 Sgt Maule S G; S H 61356 Sgt Lisicum R M; SM 18482 Pte Lehman D E.

B Coy Rifle Team—2nd Place

SH 205612 Pte Maeren U L; SH 205554 Pte Neison A E; TL 11688 2 Lt Pfeiffer J C; SB 177442 O/C Crichton T K; SH 45752 S/Sgt Appleton R H MM; ZH 473 Maj Sharpe E R.

A Coy Rifle Team—1st Place

SL 162248 Pte Whelen E R; SM 109146 Pte Bianic E C; S L 5298 Pte Nelson R C; SM 10375 Pte Boyd M E; SH 205485 Pte Beach R K; SH 23616 Sgt Larkin W W.

B Coy Rifle Team—2nd Place

SL 4001 Cpl Zwolak E; SK 6454 Sgt Campioni C L; SF 13943 Cpl Bulger E. L; SG 11637 L/Cpl Lee G G; SM 109115 Pte

Roenspeiss J A; SN 1933 Pte Power R J.
Sp Coy Bren Team—SK 17569 L/Cpl Pes-
kett R A J; SF 14052 Pte Weatherbie G O;
SH 5652 Pte Parisian E; SG 12452 Pte Hic-
key A V; SA 5738 Pte Hesk G E; SB 30863
Pte Martineau F C.

D Coy Bren Team—2nd Place

SL 162156 Pte Michinik R G; SH 4874
Pte Meyers A C; SM 109086 Pte Graham
D; SK 100416 Pte Rhodes K H; SH 205541
Pte Bollman L E; SM 106329 Sgt Thurn D V.

The Second Canadian Infantry Brigade concentration at Wainwright, Alta., from 4 Jul to 15 Aug proved to be a most successful training period. The Battalion was not only the best but the largest numerical unit. 1 PPCLI is the only major unit who will proceed to Germany with the Brigade. Cooperation between all units, however, was the order of the day. It is regretted that such good friends as LdSH(RC), 1 RCHA and 1 QOR of C must be left behind.

2 Jul 55, the Battalion left the home station for Wainwright. At 0600 hours the road party took off, and arrived at the bivouac west of the Battle River in time for a late dinner. The main body, via CPR and a long trudge through rain and mud reached its destination.

Phase 1 of the concentration took up the period 4 to 25 Jul. The Battalion was very comfortably situated in bivouac above the Battle River. Battalion Headquarters settled in an old farm (now widely known as "Patricia Farm").

During Phase 1, the Battalion succeeded in chalking up four resounding victories.

1. Brigade Sports Day on 18 Jul. In oppressive heat, near 100°F, the units of the Brigade met in a titanic struggle for individual and aggregate trophies. Against strong opposition, the Battalion carried the day. Credit is due to the magnificent performance of our Medical Officer, Capt. Roger Manning, Lt. Jim Honey and Pte. Schieweck. On this memorable day an old Patricia, "S/Sgt.

Tyke" of "C" Company, fought valiantly and lost his life. This canine favorite of the Battalion now rests beneath a cairn erected by his company comrades, R.I.P.

2. Brigade, Skill-at-Arms, 1 August. Neck-and-neck with the Strathcona's, in point scores, throughout the day, the Battalion LMG, Rifle and Sten teams finally tipped the scales in our favor.

3. A surprise victory by Lt. Hutchinson's "prentice pioneers" at the RCE Regatta brought us yet another trophy.

4. Exercise "Rapier". The much coveted trophy for this exercise was won by "C" Company. A competitive "field firing exercise" tested each rifle company group in the Brigade, supported by armour, artillery and engineers. The advance to contact, the attack, crossing a minor water obstacle and establishing a close bridge garrison was included. The trophy, a beautifully mounted sixteenth century rapier, was donated and presented by Brigadier R. Rowley, D.S.O., E.D., commanding the Brigade.

Phase 2 began with Exercise "Stiletto", a battalion in advance to contact and attack. Then followed Exercises "Wanderer" and "Transit", two phases of a 54-mile "movement by road", which put an end to the settled life at "Patricia Farm".

Exercise "Digger" practised all units in "Defence on a Broad Front". Exercise "Otter" proved a welcome diversion as an instructional exercise designed to teach the techniques of assault river crossing, and was enjoyed by all ranks as a "day on the water."

Two special exercises concluded Phase 2. Exercise "Poinard" saw the Battalion as enemy effect a deep penetration into friendly lines. Some fast ad-libbing by the control staff restored the situation, and a decimated "enemy" retired into prepar-

ed defensive positions to await the inevitable counter-attack (Riposte). Exercise "Riposte" proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the summer's exercises. Right, of course, triumphed, and at dawn, with a great preponderance of armour, the "good" QOR broke through and cut to pieces the "bad" Patricias.

Phase 3 began with Exercise "Sabre" on 7 August designed to exercise the brigade in the following operations of war:

1. The advance to contact and the attack; 2, the assault-crossing of a small water obstacle; 3, the pursuit; and 4, the assault-crossing of a major water obstacle and the establishing of a bridgehead.

At 0545 hours 13 Aug, the "fox-hounds" closed for the kill, and supported by their faithful "ironsides", quickly over-ran the enemy positions, killing or capturing them to a man. By 0600 hours all objectives were secure, and with the cabalistic exhortation, "Drop dead now," the Brigade Commander officially terminated the "Battle of Wainwright" for 1955.

On 15 Aug at 0900 hours the Battalion, once more their trim parade ground selves, formed for a final inspection by the Brigade Commander. Brigadier Rowley expressed his satisfaction with the concentration, and his regret at the breaking up of "the team".

At 0400 hours 16 August, stalwart souls of the Battalion "rear party" stood in the grey dawn at the C.P.R. Station to welcome back their war-worn comrades from Wainwright.

Gallant men, winners of the Brigade sports, Brigade skill-at-arms and company test exercises were hustled into buses and whisked off to the home station.

As reward for their services they were granted time off until 1300 hours when they formed for muster

parade under the genial auspices of the regimental sergeant major, ably assisted with growls and snarls from the other warrant officers of the Battalion.

The sausage machine got into high gear and companies were processed for overseas service prior to despatch on annual and embarkation leave.

As a result of the co-operation of all ranks the complete Battalion was cleared and sent on leave within 96 hours of its return from Wainwright.

APRA MEET 1955

The Battalion Rifle Club attended this meet with a stronger team than last year—16 members, and had a very successful shoot.

Members of the team:

ZH 473 Maj E R Sharpe (team captain); ZK 4697 Lt R S Peacock; SK 3460 S/Sgt Buxton R G; SK 42445 S/Sgt Frolek R; SL 111271 Sgt Vallance J F; SK 14195 Sgt Buxton F H; SH 60737 Sgt Linklater, F H; SL 4001 Cpl Zvolak E; SC 9000 Cpl MacIsaac J F T; SL 4400 Cpl Pelletier V J; SC 136203 Cpl Anderson H B; SF 13770 Cpl Redden H K; SH 205485 Pte Beach R K; SM 18614 Pte Cross A F; SM 107968 Pte Hansen K W; SL 620 Pte Heather E W.

RESULTS—APRA MEET

1 PPCLI Rifle Club.

1. Unit Rifle Championship of Alberta

1st—1 PPCLI. Agg. score, 580—S/Sgt Buxton R G; Sgt Vallance J F; Lt R S Peacock, Sgt Buxton F H.

2nd—HQ Wescom; 3rd—LdSH(RC); 4th—PPCLI Depot; 5th—HQ 2 CIB; 6th—QOR of C.

2. Nanton Team Match

1 PPCLI Team No. 1, 2nd place, score 118.

SK 3460 S/Sgt Buxton R G; SK 14195 Sgt Buxton F H; SL 111271 Sgt Vallance J F; SL 4001 Cpl Zvolak E.

3. Birks Bren Gun Team Match

1 PPCLI Team No. 2, first place, score 121:

SK 42445 S/Sgt Frolek R; SL 111271 Sgt Vallance J F; SH 205485 Pte Beach R K.

PPCLI Depot, 2nd place, score 74:

1 PPCLI Team No. 3, 3rd, score 69:

SL 4001 Cpl Zvolak E; SL 620 Pte Heather E W; SM 107968 Pte Hansen, K W.

Calgary Highlanders Team No. 2, 4th, score 65:

1 PPCLI Team No. 1—5th.

4. LdSH Rapid Fire Match:

THE PATRICIAN

1st—Sgt Buxton F H 44, Trophy, Gold Medal; 2nd—Sgt Vallance, J F, Score 43, Silver Medal.

5. Active Service Aggregate:

2nd S/Sgt Buxton R G—Score 200.

6. Col. McMillen Team Match:

1st—303 Club RCASC, score 261; 2nd

—1 PPCLI Team No. 1, score 257; 3rd—

LdSH(RC); 4th—PPCLI Depot Team No. 1.

7. Macdonald's Export Match—1st, Sgt Vallance, J F; score 49; trophy, souvenir.

8 Burns Memorial Match—1st, Sgt Vallance J F, score 49, trophy, souvenir.

9. Armstrong Plate Team Match—1st, Ld SH(RC); 2nd, QOR of C; 3rd, 1 PPCLI Team No. 1; 4th, RCAF Station Lincoln Park.

10. Sicks Lethbridge Breweries Match—2nd, Sgt Vallance J F, score 98.

BRIGADE SKILL-AT-ARMS DAY

1 August, 1955

The Grand Aggregate was won by the battalion by a very small margin. Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) placed second.

The Rifle Team competition ended in a dead heat between the Strathconas and ourselves, and although this did not affect the Aggregate standing, a tie-breaker shoot was conducted the following day, in which the Strathconas came through with a burst of power to beat us by 34 points. It was a hard fought, fair and sportsmanlike competition, and the Strathconas certainly earned their win. Battalion competitors:

ZK 4697 Lt R S Peacock; SK 3460 S/Sgt Buxton R G; SL 14271 Sgt Vallance J F; SK 14195 Sgt Buxton F H; SL 620 Pte Heather E W; SM 18614 Pte Cross A F.

Major E R Sharpe, non firing captain.

The battalion won the Light Machine Gun Team Match by well over one hundred points. Members of the two teams from the battalion:

Team No. 1

SK 42445 S/Sgt Frolek R (HQ Coy); SH 205485 Pte Beach R K (A Coy); SM 107968 Pte Hansen K W (C Coy).

Team No. 2

SL 162195 Pte Ritchie U B (B Coy); SL 162143 Pte Mitchell M D (C Coy); SH 205506 Pte Miner M G (C Coy).

Non Firing Captain—SK 9945 O/C P A Malone (C Coy).

Another team event won by the battalion was the Grenade Throw. The winning team:

SD 82512 WO 2 Lynch P A (HQ Coy); SB 30863 Pte Martineau F C (Sp Coy); SA 5738 Pte Hesk G E (Sp Coy); SK 17569 L/Cpl Peskett R A J (Sp Coy); SL 162168 Pte Fischer A M (B Coy); SF 14052 Pte Weatherbie G O (Sp Coy).

Non Throwing Captain—ZB 9635 Capt J E Hodge.

The pistol team deserves a special mention because, as we did not expect to win against the Strathconas, we did want to reduce their margin, which is just what our team did, contributing largely to our overall win of the meet. Team members were:

ZL 4766 Lt P E Vik (Firing Team Captain) (Sp Coy); ZK 4855 Lt A L Gale (Bn HQ); ZK 4699 Lt B F Simons (HQ Coy); ZK 5856 2/Lt G D Hunt (D Coy); SL 111952 Sgt Maule S G (Sp Coy); SH 61356 Sgt Liscum R M (Sp Coy).

The Sten Team, while not winning their event, placed second and by their good showing helped keep our aggregate high. Team members were:

SH 60621 Sgt Ehinger A (Sp Coy); SK 8464 Cpl Bolen W F (B Coy); SH 205447 Pte Wiebe G (A Coy); SN 1187 Cpl Sullivan W F (D Coy); SB 7676 Pte MacDonald H G (A Coy); SH 205558 Pte Furet L H (B Coy).

The Officers Grenade Team failed to place. Members were:

ZL2148 Lt Col T de Faye (Captain); ZL 1856 Maj G E Henderson; ZB 4045 Capt R C Nunn; ZK 5545 Lt W E J Hutchinson; TA 36074 2/Lt J H Jenkins; TL 11688 2/Lt J C Pfeiffer.

CANADIAN ARMY RIFLE TEAM COMPETITION

Western Command Meet

In that portion of the Western Command Meet held at Wainwright, 19 Jul 55, the Battalion rifle team was nosed out by Ld SH team by a score of 2560 to 2549 (11 points).

The winner of the BC Area Shoot was RCSME with a score of 3223. This team, therefore, will represent Western Command in the Army Finals.

ZK 4697 Lt R S Peacock—235; SK 3460 S/Sgt Buxton R G—314; SK 42445 S/Sgt Frolek R—242; SL 111271 Sgt Vallance J F—278; SK 14195 Sgt Buxton F H—250; SL 4400 Cpl Pelletier V J—248; SC 9000 Cpl MacIsaac J T—218; SM 18614 Pte Cross A F—265; SM 107968 Pte Hansen K W—239; SH 205485 Pte Beach R K—200.

WAINWRIGHT, Alberta

Having successfully completed the Group Pioneer Course given by the First Field Squadron, RCE, the pioneers of 1 PPCLI and 1 QOR of C clashed at a regatta held 20 July 55, on Oxbow Lake, in Wainwright. There was a holiday atmosphere as the majority of the men taking part

had just been qualified for extra pay. With Brigadier R. Rowley, DSO, ED, and the Battalion Commanders looking on, all ranks were determined to give a good account of themselves.

The first race of the day was a crew of four paddling a "haitch" bag, consisting of two pontoons and a section of treadway from the aluminum foot bridge. With Pte. Lalonde J as cox, Patricias won the event. The assault boat race was won by the Rifles placing first and second. Patricias came back in the third event, the FBE sculls, to win first and second. The recce boat relay race was won by the Patricia team of Lyver, Sommerfield, Martmeau and Hickey. Pte Carleton, after some tinkering with his Seagull engine, was first in the powered FBE race and 1 PPCLI maintained the lead in points through the final race.

As a final event, two Engineer teams and one each from the infantry battalions entered the recce boat race. The object of this fantasy was to take the boat from its bag, inflate it, paddle with two men across the river, secure a bottle of ale, and return through the floundering bodies to the home shore. With a world's championship team from 1 Fd Sqn RCE in the lead, the race became a shambles when PPCLI team grabbed all the beer and swam back to the other shore.

The day was successfully completed when Brig. Rowley presented a trophy to 1 PPCLI and certificates of trade qualification to successful candidates on the course. The thirsty competitors then retired to the RCE wet canteen to exchange their prizes (beer chits) and to be guests of Major F. Ballantyne and 1 Fd Sqn RCE for the evening.

SERGEANT'S MESS FUNCTIONS

22 April—Farewell Party for Lt Col and Mrs J R Cameron.

2 May—Entertained the GOC, Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD.

27 May—Welcome for Lt Col T de Faye, MBE, Commanding Officer.

10 June—Trooping Tea.

11 June—Trooping Ball.

12 June—Entertained old members of the Regiment.

OFFICERS' MESS FUNCTIONS

2 Apr 55—Farewell party for Lt Col and Mrs J R Cameron. All Regimental officers and their wives attended plus a number of Garrison officers and Honorary members. Lt Col Cameron was presented with a silver cigarette box and Mrs. Cameron with a corsage.

3 May 55—Mess Dinner in honor of Maj Gen C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, and his Staff Officers on the occasion of his Annual Inspection of the Battalion.

5 May 55—Lt N F J Villier's wedding reception which followed the ceremony held in the Chapel of Christ the King.

7 May 55—Informal buffet supper and dance in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg.

9 Jun 55—Mess Dinner in honor of Brig W G Colquhoun, CBE, MC, Lt Col H W Niven, DSO, MC, Col N G Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE, Col J R Stone, DSO, MC, who arrived to attend the Trooping the Colour ceremony.

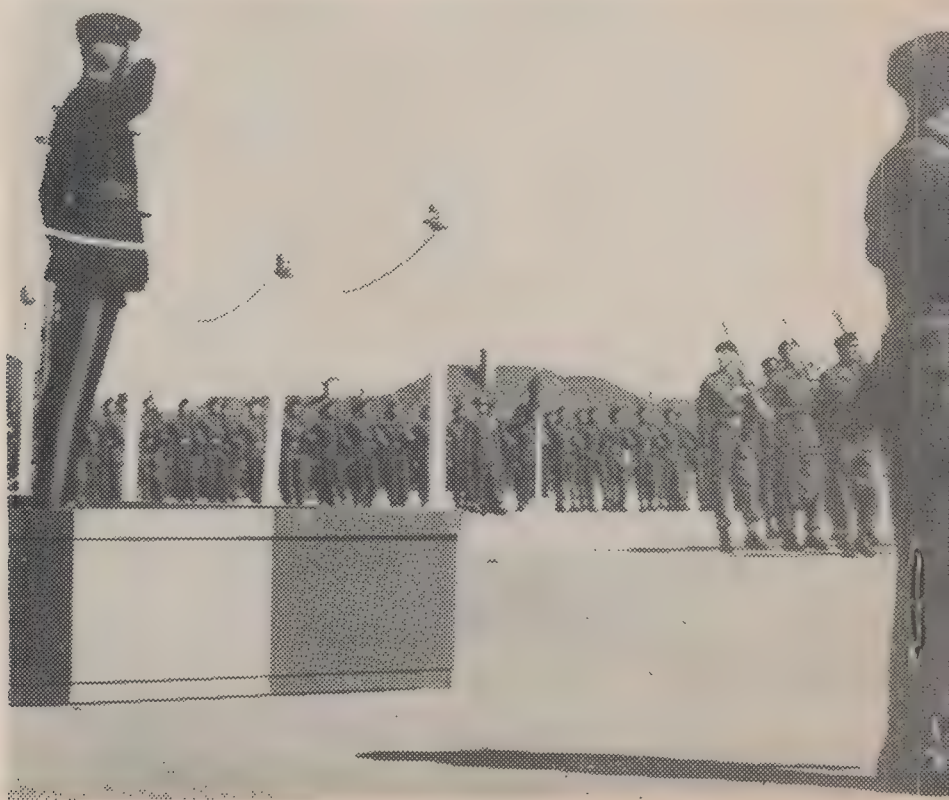
10 Jun 55 — Reception after Trooping the Colour.

Ball—Guests received by Brig and Mrs W G Colquhoun, Lt Col T de Faye, Major and Mrs G E Henderson and Major and Mrs H G Munro.

20 Jun 55—Farewell party for Col and Mrs D Menard, attended by all Garrison officers and their wives.



Seven Commanding Officers, past and present, attend "Trooping the Gemmell, DSO (1 Oct 47 - 6 Oct 48) Colonel N G Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE (7 Oct 41 - 14 Nov 41) Lt Col H W Niven, DSO, MC (20 Jan 32 - 15 Feb Colquhoun, CBE, MC (16 Feb 37 - 14 Sep 40) Colonel J R Stone, DSO, MC



Brigadier W G Colquhoun, CBE, MC takes the salute as First B



the Colour" in Calgary on 10 June, 1955 Left to right—Lt Col N M MBE (16 Sep 50 - 30 Apr 52) Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD (Feb 37) Lt Col T de Faye, MBE (present CO 1 Battaion) Brigadier W G MC (14 Aug 50 - 4 Oct 53)



st Battalion "Troop the Colour" at Calgary, Alberta on 10 June.

(Both Photos by Calgary Herald)

SECOND BATTALION REPORT

This issue of the journal cannot give a complete record of the Battalion's activities in Germany for the information is not available but the Battalion will soon be home again and the gaps will be filled in with the next issue.

SOCCKER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the unit soccer team in winning the First Canadian Infantry Brigade Championship for 1954.

SENIOR OFFICERS

In February, 1955, Major W. H. Mitchell, MC, was posted to Brigade Headquarters and Major A. M. Mills, CD, was appointed second in command. During the summer Major Mills attended the Senior Officers' Course in the United Kingdom and Major W. H. J. Stutt, CD, left the Royal Canadian School of Infantry at Camp Borden to join the Battalion.

BADMINTON CHAMPION

On 24 February, 1955, Mrs. H. McGregor, "Lou", wife of Lieutenant H. McGregor won the BAOR Ladies' single badminton championship at Dusseldorf. Paired with a Trooper Bremner of the 17/21 Lancers, she also won the mixed doubles title.

S.P.A.

The Subalterns Protective Association held a Mess Dinner in February which coincided with the visit of Colonel J. R. Stone, DSO, MC, Honorary President of the S.P.A. and former Battalion Commander.

CONNAUGHT CHALLENGE SHIELD

A stretcher-bearer team from the Battalion, on 28 April, 1955, won the Connaught Challenge Shield in

competition with infantry units of the British Army of the Rhine.

The competition consisted of oral examinations, drill and evacuation of casualties under simulated battle conditions.

The Connaught Challenge Shield was donated by the late Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, in 1911, for annual competition among all infantry units of the British Army.

The Duke of Connaught was the father of our Colonel-in-Chief, the Lady Patricia Ramsay and Colonel-in-Chief of our Allied Regiment, The Rifle Brigade.

Second Battalion therefore wins another laurel for the Regiment by winning the shield in the first participation by Canadian units in the competition.

SKILL-AT-ARMS TROPHY

The officers and men of Second Battalion won the First Canadian Infantry Brigade "Skill-at-arms" Trophy for 1955. This trophy is competed for annually by units of the Brigade stationed in Europe.

More than 4,500 members of the brigade took part in competitions held at the British Army Training Centre in Sennelager, Germany.

Second Battalion placed first in four of ten competitions and proved their superiority on the range with the rifle, bren, sten, pistol, mortar and grenade. Skills in patrolling, drill and other military subjects were also tested.

Individual honours were won by: Lt. E. Canfield, Pte. Flett, E., Pte. Desjardins, G., L/Cpl Nadeau, R., Lt. D. Greer.

Second Battalion returns from overseas duty with 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade in October, 1955.

Congratulations for a job well done and Welcome Home.

FIRST CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SOCCER CHAMPIONS 1954



Standing L. to R.: Pte. Sheppard R. W., Pte. Holloway J. A., L/Cpl. Bradley D., Pte. Hack R., Pte. Mots E. A., Pte. Stockel H. **Centre:** Lt. D. M. Langley, Capt. M. G. Levy, L/Cpl. Connelly P. **Front:** Pte. Dobbs K., Pte. Mroczkowski G. B., L/Cpl. Brown B. J.

(German Photo)

DEPOT REPORT

On 1 June, 1955, PPCLI Depot celebrated its "second" birthday. A social evening for all ranks was very well attended and members of the committee in charge of arrangements are to be congratulated for their work:

Lieutenant W. H. Jans
Sergeant Chinn, J. R.
Corporal Smith, D. M.
Mrs. Pat Baldwin
Miss Donna Culhane

At this time we said good-bye to the Depot's first Adjutant.

CAPTAIN LLOYD ALLAN SWICK

Captain Swick's tireless efforts during the formation and organization of the Regimental Depot in 1953 contributed very much to the present smooth administration of the unit.

He was born in Winnipeg and educated at St. Paul's College and the University of Manitoba. During his school days, he was a first class boxer and a keen hockey and rugby player. He was a member of St. Paul's senior basketball team which won the city and provincial championship in 1940.

He began his military career as a member of the University of Manitoba Contingent, COTC. On 12 December, 1942, he enlisted in the Canadian Army Active as a private soldier, at Winnipeg, with PPCLI.

He attended the infantry training centre at Camp Shilo where he was selected for officer training. He qualified as a second Lieutenant at Gordon Head, B.C., 30 May, 1943, and returned as Lieutenant one month later.

As a platoon commander with the Winnipeg Light Infantry, he took winter training at Terrace, B.C., and training in combined operations at Courtenay, B.C.

In 1944, he became Middle-weight Army Boxing Champion of 14 Canadian Infantry Brigade and won the British Columbia, interior, championship.

He proceeded overseas in the fall of 1944 and joined the Calgary Highlanders, in the line, at the Hochwald Forest. He returned to Canada with the Calgary Highlanders in the fall of 1945.

For a period of seven months, he served as liaison officer on Major General F. F. Worthington's staff at Western Command. He left the army to return to University for the fall term in 1946.

After a hard grind, 1946-49, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Manitoba and re-enlisted in the Canadian Army in the spring of 1949. After twelve months as a personnel selection officer at Prairie Command, he was posted to the Regiment in June, 1950.

He qualified as a parachutist in the fall of 1950, and was promoted to the rank of Captain on 12 March, 1951.

He proceeded to Korea with First Battalion and commanded A Company. He was chief instructor of the NCO's School during the period September, 1951, to November, 1952.

He attended a Ground Liaison Officer's course in the United Kingdom in the Spring of 1953. In June of the same year, he was appointed adjutant PPCLI Depot. He has served as Secretary Treasurer of the Regimental Executive Committee and the Regimental Historical Committee as well as associate editor of the Regimental Journal.

He has been posted to No. 1 Air Liaison Group at HMCS Shearwater in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

DEPOT RIFLE TEAM

In our last issue we reported the Depot Rifle Team placing 18th out of 109 teams participating in the January D.C.R.A. competition and it was anticipated at that time that scores for February and March might be higher.

The February and March results indicate that this confidence was completely justified.

FEBRUARY

SP 21347 C.S.M. Roberts, E. O.	-98
ZP 1417 Major E. D. McPhail, C.D.	-96
ZB 5575 2/Lt. R. L. Mathews	-96
SH 205485 Pte. Beach, R. K.	-95
SP 21463 Sgt. Falconer, J. R. D.	-92
(14th Place)	477

MARCH

SP 21347 C.S.M. Roberts, E.O.	-100
SH 205485 Pte. Beach, R. K.	- 99
ZB 5575 2/Lt. R. L. Mathews	- 96
SL 109029 Sgt. Grasley, L. W.	- 96
Pte. Hansen, K. W.	- 96
(3rd place)	487

Canadian Army Shooting Awards were made as follows:

Distinguished Marksmen (10 targets over 97)

Major E. D. McPhail, C.D.; 2/Lt. R. L. Mathews; C.S.M. Roberts, E. O.; Sgt. Grasley, L. W.

Expert (10 targets over 95)

Pte. Beach, R. K.

Marksman (10 targets over 90)

Sgt. Edwards, H. A.; Sgt. Mulholland, C. E.; Sgt. Falconer, J. R. D.; Sgt. Smith, R. W.

1st Class (10 targets over 85)

Sgt. Wiltse D. E.; Pte. Taddell, J. R.

In the "City of Calgary" Pistol and Rifle competition, C.S.M. Roberts, E. O., received a gold medal for second place in Active Service Entries.

The Depot fielded a team in the Edmonton - 24 May Shoot. There were no outstanding scores but team members regained their entry fees with a comfortable margin.

In the Alberta Service Pistol Championship held 2 July 55, Depot teams placed 2nd and 5th.

Major E. D. McPhail, C.D.	112	Major H. G. Munro	156
C.S.M. Roberts, E. O.	x217	Capt. D. E. Jones	119
Sgt. Edwards, H. A.	156	Cpl. Scott, J. M.	103
485		378	

x-Gold Medal for 2nd place in High Individual Score.

In the A.P.R.A. "Service Conditions" matches Depot teams placed 2nd in "Birks" Bren Gun Match and 4th in the "Nanton" Team Shoot at 600x; 4th in Unit Rifle Championship.

Individual results were as follows:

	600x Prone	600-100 Rundown	500 Rapid	300 Snap	300 Standing Kneeling	Active Service Aggreg.	Place in Prov. Aggreg.
C.S.M. Roberts, E. O.	43	35	34	38	33	183	10
Maj. E. D. McPhail, C.D.	38	36	35	30	40	179	15
Capt. D. E. Jones	34	33	21	29	41	158	20
Sgt. Edwards, H. A.	37	34	32	12	37	152	24
Cpl. Scott, J.M.	33	32	30	4	x48	147	28
Sgt. Wiltse, D. E.	31	37	17	8	28	121	
Sgt. Mulholland, C. E.	37	17	15	5	41	115	
Sgt. Grasley, L. W.	33	19	15	9	27	103	
Cpl. Furniss, A. C.D.	30	18	6	10	23	87	

x-Cpl. Scott, J. M., acquired the Nordtop-Savage Trophy, a miniature and \$15.00 cash for this effort.

A word of praise to our contemporaries in First Battalion, for their excellent showing. They nudged us out of the prize money in many of the team events, yet, if we must be outshot, we prefer it to be done by First Battalion—it keeps the trophies in the Regiment.



"MOUNT SORREL" SQUAD CARRIED OUT COMPARATIVE TRIALS WITH FN RIFLE MARCH - 1955

Back Row—Ptes. Hawthorne, A. E., Ayers, E. T., Doryk, E. J., Daly, E. J., Winsell, S. A., Visser, J. R., Biccum, C. N., Mooney, R. F. Centre Row—Ptes. Eberle, J. S., Roenspeiss, R. J., Campeau, N. J., Sullivan, H. G., Berard, G. A., Richardson, L. J., Ritchie, V. B., Clyne, L. J., Thir, J., Billeck, M.J. Front Row—Ptes. Stone, L. S., Maeren, V. L., Bird, I., Sgt. Ahearn, G. M., Officer Cadet G. D. Hunt, Major H. G. Munro, RSM O. Gardner, CD, Cpl. Keeping, J. S., Cpl. Smith, D. M., Ptes. Brittain, W. W. and Jones, T.D. Kneeling—Ptes. Roenspeiss, J. A. and Henry, G. A.

Photo by Cadman Studios

FIRST AID

The St. John's Ambulance Dominion Competition for 1955 saw the Currie Barracks team place second to the RCAMC School at Camp Borden for the Mary Otter Trophy. Corporal Smith, D. M., as captain of the Currie team and Corporal Keeping, S. J., as a member, both Depot NCOs from the Training company, are congratulated for an excellent effort. In individual tests,

Cpl. Smith tied for 12th place in the Mount Garrett Trophy competition.

NEW ADJUTANT

Captain D. E. Jones now holds the appointment of Depot adjutant and has also taken over the duties of Secretary Treasurer of the Regimental Executive Committee and associate editor of the Regimental journal.

NEWS OF PATRICIA'S SERVING AWAY FROM THE REGIMENT



IN MEMORIAM

Major S. L. Dymond, CD, writes from Camp Borden:

"On 26 June, 1955, during the morning service in the Protestant Chapel, Mrs. Woolfson presented an engraved Alms Plate to the Chapel in memory of her late husband, Company Sergeant Major Woolfson, N.S.B. (PPCLI).

The service was attended by Colonel P. R. Bingham, DSO, Commandant Royal Canadian School of Infantry, and 35 members PPCLI serving at the school.

Mrs. Woolfson has left Camp Borden to take up residence at Nanaimo, B.C."

Captain Bob Ostiguy was a recent visitor to the home station on a liaison visit from the Directorate of Manning.

TRIBUTE TO A GOOD SOLDIER

A recent letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. de N. Watson, DSO, MC, pays tribute to the sterling qualities of the late CSM N. S. B. Woolfson (PPCLI):

"I have always had great respect for Woolfson. He was my company sergeant major when I took command of A Company in Sicily. I was a young and inexperienced Captain and found him to be a tower of strength. Although he was a quiet man he could be very firm when the need arose and had the utmost respect of his officers and men."

Captain "Charlie" Dore formerly of "B" Company, PPCLI and Captain Gerry DeRochie, RCAPC, formerly with "A" Company, PPCLI, between the wars, have retired to pension.

MAJOR A. V. ROBBINS, CD
(PPCLI)

Defence Services Staff College
Wellington, Nilgris

SOUTH INDIA

The annual college tour was most interesting. We spent the first five days at sea with the Indian Naval Flotilla on a Hunt class destroyer, INS Ganga, in the Arabian Sea. I was particularly interested in the species of deep sea life, very much in evidence — whales, sharks, porpoise and turtles as large as dining room tables.

Landing at Bombay, we flew to Jamnagar on the Cutch peninsula for an Air Force "Fire Power" demonstration. Some very accurate high level bombing was witnessed.

We visited the artillery school at Deolahi, the armoured school at Ahmednagar, and arrived at Poona for a series of lectures on "air transport support." We visited the National Defence Academy at Kharakuasla and the College of Military Engineering at Kirkee.

The tri-service military college at Kharakuasla has 1000 cadets. I was impressed by the high calibre of the students. I was quite amused, as an ex RMC cadet, to hear that "bearers" are provided on a scale of one for eight cadets. They bring tea to the cadets in the morning and evening, and clean their shoes. The vastness of this establishment can be appreciated by the fact that each cadet is issued with a bicycle to allow him to get around.

You may be surprised to know that the Regiment is well known in Indian Army circles particularly by those officers who served in Italy during the last war and in Korea.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many such chaps. My DS for the first tutorial, Colonel Rangaraj,

commanded the Indian field ambulance in Korea for three years and has great praise for the Patricias. He is a great friend of Colonel J. R. Stone and I was most fortunate to get such a chap as my first DS.

An ex Major of the Rajputana Rifles (MG), Major Ivan Surita, MC, happened to be in my room one day and spotted Arthur Potts photograph. He astounded me by asking if he wasn't the Adjutant of the Patricias in Italy around Ortona. Ivan's company had supported the Regiment around Lanciano and of course remembered Sam Potts who was adjutant at the time. It is indeed a small world!

I visited the Madras Regiment's, "Regimental Centre" (Depot) and found it most interesting. They have long had this "depot" system and it has certainly proven its worth over the years particularly during the last world war.

Major Bill Edmondson writes from Washington, DC, to say that the "Patrician" is of great value to all who are serving away from the Regiment. (Thanks Bill, with support like that we can keep it alive —Ed.).

He says brother "John", formerly PPCLI, now R.H.C. is a GSO 2 at Prairie Command and Major C. J. A. Hamilton has qualified as a parachutist at Fort Benning.

Major Norman Featherstone who has made an amazing recovery from a serious illness is now Camp Commandant, HQ Western Command and very glad to be back in the West again after many years in Ontario.

The best wishes of the Regiment go to the officers recently reallocated to The Black Watch (Royal

Highland Regiment) of Canada:
 Captain B. E. Harper.
 Captain J. G. Turnbull.
 Lt. F. Keay.
 Lt. E. S. Temple.

The congratulations of the Regiment is due to certain officers on their recent promotions.

Captain A. P. Bull
 I & A Cadre, HQ Saskatchewan
 Area
 5 Nov 54

Captain A. S. Wagstaff
 HQ Western Command
 1 Mar 55

Lieutenant Colonel F. N. Pope, CD
 DQOP
 Army Headquarters
 1955

Captain W. L. Howard
 CAORE
 19 June 1955

Lieutenant W. E. J. Hutchinson
 1 PPCLI
 1 June 1955

Staff Sergeant Jack Adkin was a recent visitor to the home station. He has been employed as a Cadet instructor in the Regina area and will soon be on his way to Europe for service with the Canadian Brigade there.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday, 11 June 1955, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Officer's Mess, at the Regiments' home station, in Calgary, Alberta.

The new executive was elected as follows:

Chairman — Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC, 199 Denison Rd., Victoria, B.C.

Secretary—Major H. G. Munro, PPCLI Depot.

Treasurer—RSM O. Gardner, CD, PPCLI Depot.

The Chairman received the following message from the Association President, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD.

"Please accept and convey my sincere regrets to all members attending the annual meeting of our

ex-service association in Calgary for my first absence from parade. Good wishes to all and success to the Association."

This year, Lt. Col. H. W. Niven, DSO, MC attended the meeting and the Chairman suggested that he form a branch of the Association in the United Kingdom on his return to Scotland. Colonel Niven now resides at 19 Huntley Gardens, Glasgow.

Mr. T. T. Harris representing the Toronto Branch gave the meeting a first hand resume of activities in Toronto on 6, 7 and 8 May 1955, when the Association President, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD was honoured.

CALGARY BRANCH

Mr. Alex F. Huff, 1001 - 1st Street East in conjunction with Mr. George MacKintosh of Edmonton very kindly offered to present, at their own expense, a hand press of the Association corporate seal. This item has been received by the Secretary and is gratefully accepted on behalf of the Association.

EDMONTON BRANCH

Mr. George MacKintosh, Branch President attended the Annual General Meeting in Calgary. Percy Armishaw was present for "Trooping the Colour."

MONTREAL BRANCH

Newly appointed branch president is Major Colin M. McDougall, DSO of 433 Lansdowne Avenue.

SASKATCHEWAN

Branches at Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon have not been too active. Captain Andy Campbell organized a reunion in the area on

8 May 1955 but no report has been received.

Lt. Col. H. F. Wood, former commanding officer of 3 battalion (19 Mar. 51 - 4 May 53) and now serving at H.Q. Saskatchewan Area in Regina reports that the spirit is there and that in an emergency we can count on support from Regina. In addition to the regular officers serving in the area survivors of the Association include Mr. Harry Drope, MM; Lieutenant G. H. Mullins, VC, MM, Sergeant-at-arms in the Provincial Government; Mr. J. H. Brockelbank, Minister of Natural Resources for the Province; Archdeacon D. Ashley, Rector of St. Mary's Church; and Tom Yarnnton, Regina's Fire Chief.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

The loss of Lyall Fraser, Honorary Life President is a sad blow to the Vancouver Branch.

VICTORIA BRANCH

Mr. George Harrison of 546 Harbinger Avenue, Branch President, keeps the flame alive.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

Mr. Norman L. McCowan of 31 Victory Place along with Rusty Gordon are the mainstay of the Winnipeg Branch.

TORONTO BRANCH

In the words of our association Chairman — "This association of ours reminds me of an old hunting dog sleeping in the sun, dreaming of past glories and, now and then, erupting into action. This year Toronto Branch came to life in no uncertain way and acted as all our branches should act at least once yearly."

LT. COL. G. R. STEVENS, OBE
Regimental Historian, reports
in the Montreal Herald:

"Three thousand people packed Massey Hall (Toronto, 6 May 1955), to the rafters and all but took the roof off. The occasion arose out of the decision of a group of veterans of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to pay their respects to Brigadier Andrew Hamilton Gault, the founder of the Regiment. With three wars under his belt, Brigadier Gault still is going strong but time will close upon him as upon all of us. It is not likely that his statue will be put in a public place after he is gone, for he would loathe it; he probably would find a way to come back and wreck the thing. So his old hands decided to give him a party (6, 7, 8 May 1955).

The Dumbells, Allan Murray of Montreal with his cart wheels, Pat Rafferty of New York, with his pratfalls, Jack McLaren with his eloquent eye brows, Ross Hamilton from Pugwash, Nova Scotia as the uncomparable Marjorie, performed the same acts they played under fire in France as well as in the

great theatres of London and New York. Lotta Dempsey of the Globe and Mail (The Dumbells were disbanded before she was born) wrote:

'The Dumbells, in a quiet and gentle sort of way are fabulous—the gay and gallant innocence, the warm buffoonery, the Rupert Brookesian romanticism of the 1914-1918 years still must be wandering somewhere around the world, in some lost place, waiting to be evoked at the call of the old voices.'

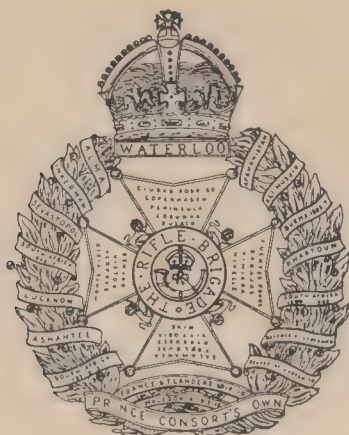
The 'old voices' are the standards of behaviour, the beliefs and the certainties, which have worn thin in these brittle years. But they do live on, not as Miss Dempsey suggests, in any lost place, but here at home, in the hearts of the oncoming generation. All that is needed is a bugle (for that was what the frolic in Massey Hall really was) to rouse the young men and woman of today to the role which loyalties and disciplines play in the making of tomorrow. This other sort of laughter, this different set of social values, is an inheritance not to be discarded, but to be cherished. Perhaps in the future, as in 1914-1918, it may save the day."

Notice

The Secretary now has Association membership cards which are available to all branches at a cost of three dollars per hundred.

Branches of the Association are reminded that nominal rolls for 1955, together with annual fees, are now due.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE



THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Allied with

THE RIFLE BRIGADE

This famous Regiment was founded as "The Melbourne University Rifles" in 1910.

Prior to that year students from the university had enrolled themselves in local volunteer corps.

In 1883 a complete company for the 4th Victoria Rifles was found by the university and in 1895 the "University Corps of officers" was formed.

Military endeavour of this nature ceased to exist at the university on the federation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901.

Between the years 1901 and 1910 although the activities of the University of Melbourne (founded in 1856) had developed progressively in all other directions no military organization existed in which students could fit themselves to do their part in the defence of the Empire.

A project emanating from the university itself to form a volunteer corps was approved by the Government in 1910.

The unit was accordingly enlisted with an establishment of one company; strength five officers and 120 other ranks. The sole aim and purpose of the corps, announced at the time, was to train leaders for the Australian army.

Universal military training introduced in Australia in 1911, had far-reaching effects on the newly formed regiment. Strength was made dependent on the number of students at the university and the establishment raised to provide four companies.

In 1914 the military organization in Australia was for home defence only. With the outbreak of World War I this was completely changed and an entirely new army known as the "Australian Imperial Force" was recruited for overseas service.

How well the Regiment carried out its role is recorded during the years of conflict when 794 of its members saw service with the overseas force.

It is of great interest to note that

the famous commander of the overseas force, the late General Sir John Monash, GCMG, KCB, VD, was a graduate and took part in such military training as was possible at the university during his student years (1883-1887).

The termination of the war brought the usual reduction in establishment, strength and funds available for training with corresponding retrenchment in the function of the Regiment. Annual camps, schools, etc., were perforce brought to the minimum necessary to existence. Further, universal military training was discontinued by the Government and the unit reverted to a strictly volunteer basis. By 1928 it consisted of two companies.

Despite this an average strength of 450 all ranks was maintained during the years between the wars. Efficiency was kept at the highest level. The records of the times describe numerous occasions when general efficiency and shooting awards in both brigade and command annual competitions were won by the Regiment.

General Monash was appointed Colonel of the Regiment in 1920 and fulfilled this duty until his death.

The darkening international situation in early 1939 resulted in the re-introduction of universal service by the Government.

When hostilities commenced in September the Regiment was at its old establishment of four rifle companies and had a strength of nearly 900 all ranks.

Almost immediately, the unit was named as the base on which to build a full time officers' training centre and established itself first at Camp Mount Martha and later at Camp Bonegilla. By the summer of 1942, 1162 officers had been trained and sent to the second Australian Imperial Force.

In June of 1942 a new policy affecting the training of officers caused the disbandment of The Melbourne University Rifles as such. The work of the Regiment and its members continued under other names until the end of the war.

The Regiment was re-raised in 1948 but, due to the requirements of a modern army, it was felt that the cream of the officer material could no longer be directed only to the infantry. The title "The Melbourne University Regiment" was therefore adopted with enlarged establishment to include the training of officers for armour, artillery, engineers, signals and mechanical engineers as well as infantry.

The "Rifle" heritage of the Regiment is however still strong. It is proud to wear facings of rifle green as a mark of this affiliation.

From this brief description it is obvious that the Regiment has always made and is still making a great contribution to the military forces of Australia and the Empire.

Year by year the unit provides keen and well trained young officers, all capable of leading in battle, as the magnificent record of service in two world wars amply proves.

Some vital statistics of the Regiment are here appended.

Colonel of the Regiment

Lieutenant General Sir Edmund Herring, KCMG, KBE, DSO, MC, ED.

Affiliation with "The Rifle Brigade"

Army order 427 dated November 1925.

Motto

"Postera Crescam Laude".

(I shall grow in the esteem of posterity.)

Facings

Rifle green.

Regimental March

"Thin Red Line".

Present Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel J. Summer-ton, OBE.

Headquarters

University Grounds, Carlton, Mel-bourne.

Organization

Regimental Headquarters, 3 Rifle Coys, Sp Coy, HQ Coy, Corps Train-ing Coy (RAAC, RAA, RAE, RAS, RAEME).

Recruits

Graduates, undergraduates and staff of the University of Mel-bourne.

THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (MILITIA)



3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The spring and summer months have been busy ones for The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, with training and courses being completed before the regiment went to summer camp at Sarcee in the early part of July.

Spring saw concentrated wireless training within the regiment culmi-nating in a two-day wireless exercise held in the Prince of Wales Ar-mouries, Edmonton. This was quite successful considering that many of the people taking part had not oper-ated sets before.

About this time the regiment lost the services of Sgt Lou Langell who was posted from the I and A staff to Prairie Command. Sgt Langell had been attached to the regiment since 1947 and had performed invaluable service under several commanding officers. He was also a tower of strength in various softball teams run by the unit.

The regimental rifle team had an-other successful year in the Edmon-

ton Garrison Rifle League, finishing in first place. The team this year consisted of Capt W McSween, Capt W Oakey, RSM Mucklestone, CSM Cheshire, Sgts Trudel, Westacott and Edgar and Cpl Gribble.

On April 12, Brigadier F T Jen-ner inspected the first of two recruit courses conducted by the unit for 23 Militia Group. These courses lasted six weeks and covered basic recruit training in drill and small arms and military law. The instructional staff comprised Major Keith Wakefield, Major Ed Pritchard, Capt E Mason and Capt A Covey, the latter being attached from 96 Medium Regt RCA(M) for these courses.

The Regimental Band was inspect-ed by Major Scott, Chief Inspector of Music, Ottawa, who declared him-self well satisfied with the band's appearance and music. The band has taken several men on strength re-cently and now has more than 40 members parading regularly.

The Commanding Officer, Lt Col R A Bradburn, and officers entertained at VE Day Ball held in the Garrison Officers Club on May 6th. Among the guests attending were several officers and their wives from the 1st PPCLI.

WO 1 Fred Purkis joined the unit in the early summer and was appointed RSM shortly after his enlistment. He is of course no stranger to Currie Barracks having served in PPCLI for a number of years. He proved to be invaluable to the regiment not only on the Square but also in instructing both senior and junior NCO classes. Another welcome addition from PPCLI was Sgt Lloyd Monson who came to us shortly after his discharge from the regulars. He is now a WO 2 and served as RSM for the duration of the annual summer camp in RSM Purkis's absence.

On June 5 the Regiment, together with other units in 23 Militia Group, were inspected by Major General Chris Vokes, General Officer Commanding Western Command. This parade was by far the largest held in Edmonton since the second world war insofar as Militia units were concerned and over 180 members of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment took part, together with the Band which played for the march past afterwards. For this parade, troops were brought in from all out of town points, those from Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie being flown in by aircraft of the RCAF. The Regimental Cadet Corps paraded with the Battalion and impressed everyone with their smart appearance and drill.

From 9 July to 16 the regiment was in Camp Sarcee for the annual Infantry Militia Camp. Together with troops from the Canadian Scottish, The Seaforth Highlanders, The Calgary Highlanders, The Westminster Regiment and The Rocky Mountain Rangers, the battalion took part

in a two-day exercise to practise attack, counter-attack and withdrawal. This culminated several days of training in the field, brushing-up the lessons that the troops had been taking during the previous winter. The unit was blessed with another fine week of Sarcee weather, the second year in a row, and although several of the boys had bad cases of sunburn everyone agreed that the time had been well spent. The regiment was teamed up with the Calgary Highlanders in a defensive role for the major part of the two-day exercise but managed to launch a very successful counter-attack on the last morning of the scheme. So successful indeed that the Seaforths were still clearing remnants of the defending Calgary Highlanders when the Edmonton's arrived on the scene, much to the discomfort and embarrassment of the Coast troops.

Plans are now well under way for the Fall and Winter training parades and with a larger strength than for several years it is anticipated that this will be one of our best years ever. One of the first duties of the Battalion will be to provide a Guard of Honour for the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, when he visits Edmonton in connection with the Alberta Golden Jubilee celebrations. This is scheduled for early September and at the time of writing the unit is parading twice weekly in preparation for the event.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the Loyal Edmonton Regiment is keeping very busy, and we feel sure that PPCLI can be proud of its representatives in the Militia Army of today. We need hardly add that when PPCLI eventually moves up to Edmonton it will be a happy day indeed for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. We feel sure that it will enable us to bind even tighter those bonds that now unite us so strongly.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY BAND



Back Row—B/Sgt. R. Campion, BSM (WO2) R. A. Eberts, B/Sgt. G. A. Punter, B/Sgt. J. P. Cruse, B/Sgt. F. A. Ross, B/Sgt. G. L. Webb, B/Cpl. D. J. Polsom, B/Sgt. W. J. Gemaiker. Third Row—B/Sgt. J. P. Gordon, B/Sgt. J. C. Schollmeyer, B/Sgt. D. M. Russell, B/Staff Sgt. A. G. S. Stone, B/Sgt. G. F. Duff, B/Sgt. W. Coates, B/Cpl. H. Zandboer, B/Cpl. T. H. Van Der Linden, B/Sgt. M. R. Church, Bdsman W. T. Morey. Second Row—B/Sgt. J. A. Sterken, B/Sgt. E. Smith, B/Sgt. W. T. Smith, B/Sgt. A. L. Irwin, B/Sgt. F. A. Price, B/Cpl. R. E. McLure, B/Cpl. J. F. M. Hermans, B/Sgt. H. Van Gijn, B/Sgt. E. E. Bayens, B/Sgt. A. J. J. De Vroom, B/Sgt. G. L. Van Stockum, B/Sgt. G. Goldhawk, B/Sgt. F. C. J. Simpson, B/Cpl. H. Harmenzon. Front Row—B/Sgt. L. H. Hermans, B/Sgt. M. Schipper, B/Sgt. J. C. Bus, Bdsman D. C. Parker, B/Sgt. J. L. Love, B/Sgt. A. P. Bryant, Capt. F. M. McLeod, B/Sgt. J. A. Bergman, B/Cpl. T. Wennes, B/Cpl. G. J. G. Van Der Hoef, B/Cpl. L. De Leeuw, B/Sgt. J. D. Buys, B/Sgt. F. G. Yeo, B/Sgt. C. Benn.

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PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY CADET CORPS

The formation of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, No. 2551 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps located in Edmonton, Alberta, has been authorized with effect 2 April, 1955.

The Regimental Executive Committee has approved sponsorship of the Corps with the concurrence of our Colonel-in-Chief and the Honorary Colonel.

Mr. W. V. McNeill, vice principal of the Canadian Army School at Griesbach Barracks, Edmonton, Alberta, has been appointed chief instructor of the Corps. Parades are held each Wednesday evening at the Prince of Wales Armoury.

When the Regiment moves to Edmonton, active assistance will be given to the Corps.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA



In commemoration of the Province of Alberta's 50th birthday, and to start off the City of Calgary's jubilee celebrations, Regular Army Units paraded through the down-town city streets on Saturday 4 June, 1955, when the City of Calgary paid tribute to Regiments of the Calgary Garrison.

Following the parade, his Worship, Mayor D. H. Mackay made a presentation to each Regiment. Pte. M. R. Gray of the First Battalion received a glockenspiel for Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The second in a series of articles by Mr. John Fisher is published here. The subject selected is very dear to the hearts of all Calgarians.

THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

At the Calgary Stampede there are always a great number of American visitors, some of whom refer to Alberta as the Texas of Canada. They mean it as a compliment but Alberta doesn't really have to be compared with Texas or any other state or place. There's only one Alberta in the world. It's so big, so varied in resources, climate and everything else that we refer to it proudly as "Our Heritage". There are few other areas in the world with as much variety as Alberta. It all stems from a heritage reaching back into the dawn of history when dinosaurs roamed Alberta and includes resources on the hoof, in the topsoil, under the ground, in the mountains, above the clouds, into the yawning north of adventure and in rushing mountain waters. There is timber and coal, oil and water, beef and grain in Alberta. It's a province of mountain jewels and sub-Arctic tundra, dry hot badlands and freezing mountain temperatures, where range meets range and soil reaches to the sky. In Alberta, drills probe the canyons of the earth for oil and gas; miners in the Crows' Nest strip coal above the clouds.

Texas is a rich and a huge state with a furious growth of industries. But Texas has no Rocky Mountains or names like Banff, Jasper, Lake Louise and Waterton. You can't ski in July in Texas but you can in Alberta. There are no dog teams, trap-lines or tote roads in Texas, but there are in Alberta. Big game hunters from around the world don't descend on Texas. But in Alberta hunters speak of big game hunting with the same respect as they do in Africa. Alberta stands for tall timber, too . . . for cattle, coal, gas, oil, wheat, vegetables . . . and furs. It's incredible when you consider the wealth of the province. And the beauty of it is that we've only scratched the surface. Only a lifetime ago Alberta sod was virgin soil and her mountain passes had been seen by only a few white men. But tomorrow if the world lives in partnership instead of two camps, Edmonton, which a short time ago was a fort on the North Saskatchewan River, may be a great crossroad of the world . . . for Alberta is the gateway to the north, to Alaska and the Orient.

Alberta isn't the Texas of Canada. She's Alberta. She has many things in common with Texas like raising cattle and having colorful, independent ranches; scrambling for oil and talking big of tomorrow; having rolling plains and the big sky. But the main link with Texas is the western spirit. Texas is western and so is Alberta. Texas is friendly and so is Alberta. Texas is proud of her history and so is Alberta. Texas is rodeo crazy and so is Alberta.

If the province of Alberta herself is a wonder of contrast and potential, then too, the Stampede is a little of everything. It telescopes the nostalgia of the past with the buoyant philosophy of faith in tomorrow. When people see the Indians and Mounties there it brings back in one tremendous punch the history of the province, a history so young and full of dignity. People who see those oldtimers at the Stampede can catch at once the feeling of the struggles and conquests of the plain and range, the loneliness of the settler and the courage of yesterday. No other rodeo or stampede anywhere honors its oldtimers as much as Calgary does. Many people find it a real pleasure to stroll inside the little square set aside for the oldtimers and listen to them and wonder what they're thinking. In 1953, for example, the Stampede honored Nat Christie. Nat didn't break land or ride the lonely range. But he is an oldtimer with a hand in the story of western development. That's one of the nice things about the Calgary Stampede . . . its tenderness about the past and its furious determination to hold on to something that is slowly slipping with time. Alberta is young and there are people living who can still remember when the wagon tracks led to nowhere . . . only just beyond, over the ridge. Their ranks are growing slimmer now and as a result there's a subconscious desire in the Stampede to hold on to the spirit of the grand pioneer west.

Yes, all the dimensions are here in the famous Calgary Stampede; color of Mounties, Indians, cayuses, pioneers ponies; tight-jeaned cowhands rubbing shoulders with the city cowboys; oil drillers and just plain onlookers. To many visitors the biggest bargain of the Stampede is free. It's not the thrilling chuckwagon races unique to Alberta; not the heaving bronks and those ugly-looking Brahma bulls. The best show to many at the Stampede is the people themselves, because they represent a spirit. Unknown to themselves they are expressing pleasure at the privilege of being westerners. And being western means being in love with the big sky; with horses and steers and space; with Indians, cowboys, Mounties, history, mountains and all the things Hollywood would dearly love to get into one movie but can't. The uncertainties of weather and crop, that gamble of oil, the philosophy that next year's crop will be bigger and better . . . all these are part of the Stampede and "Our Heritage."

Many easterners, living two thousand miles or more from Calgary, attend every Stampede and claim they wouldn't miss it for anything. They love it because it makes them feel younger; brings out the little boy in them. Probably this all stems from the fact that subconsciously every boy wants to be a cowboy at one time or another. Down east they'd feel silly walking along in a cowboy outfit. But in Calgary during Stampede time fallen waistline or not, these same reserved easterners aren't the least bit bothered at standing next to a real old cowhand with slim hips and bowed legs, even though they don't know how to get on or fall off a horse. It's the spirit of the show that brings businessmen and clerk, banker and rancher, oil driller and housewife out together in costume for fun. It's not phony. It's living and enjoying life.

Yes . . . Alberta should not be called the Texas of Canada. It's just Alberta, a prize in terms of resources, of contrasts, of scenery and climate. And the greatest resource of all is the spirit of the people, the joy of being westerners, echoed in the Calgary Stampede.

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OBITUARY

ZC 2703 Captain Joseph Edmund Lefebvre

Captain Lefebvre was born and educated in Sudbury, Ontario. He attended the University of Ottawa and entered the Army in 1945.

He served with the Regiment as a subaltern officer in Calgary, from 1946 to 1949, when he was posted for duty to the Royal Canadian School of Infantry in Camp Borden.

In 1951, he was appointed resident staff officer to the Universities of St. Thomas and Sacred Heart in the province of New Brunswick.

His accidental death during a snow storm, in Bathurst, N.B., while on military duty, 18 March, 1955, is recorded with deep regret.

He is survived by his wife, the former Theresa Louise Cullen of Calgary; a daughter, Anne Louise; a son, John David Cullen; his mother and father, WO 1 (RCAF) and Mrs. D. A. Lefebvre; and a brother, John F. Lefebvre of Ottawa.

He was buried by his Regiment with full military honours in the "Field of Honour", Burnsland cemetery at Calgary on 28 March, 1955.

Major V. O. "Bud" Auger

The Regiment learned with deep regret of the death of "Bud" Auger in Edmonton on 20 March, 1955.

Well known in military circles in Winnipeg, he was a member of the Lake Superior Regiment (NPAM).

He entered the Regiment at the outbreak of World War 2 and served as an officer with PPCLI during the Italian campaign.

At the close of the war he was employed at the Infantry Training Centre, Shilo, Manitoba, and retired with the rank of Major.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Auger of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Major George Lyall Fraser, MM

George Lyall Fraser joined the Regiment, in the field, on 28 July, 1915. He was a member of the 1st University Company, regimental number 411058. As a Sergeant, he was awarded the Military Medal for gallant service in the Battle of the Somme, 1916.

He was wounded in 1917 and left the Regiment on 28 December, 1918.

In recent years, he has been President of The Western City Company Ltd., (Investment Securities), and a leading Vancouver financier. He was a past-president of the British Columbia Bond Dealers' Association, past-president of the Vancouver Board of Trade and chairman of the Pacific district Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

An active member of the Regimental Association, he was Honorary Life President of the Vancouver Branch.

He died in Vancouver on 25 April, 1955, at the age of 61 years.

OBITUARY

Lieutenant Colonel Dameral Aubrey Clarke, OBE, MC

An original Patricia who joined the Regiment as a private in August, 1914, promoted Sergeant 7 February, 1915, and later commissioned. He was awarded the Military Cross and twice mentioned in despatches. On 25 May, 1917, he was appointed to command PPCLI Reserve Depot at Seaford in the rank of Major.

He entered the Permanent Force on 20 March, 1919, and joined "B" Company PPCLI in Esquimalt, B.C., in 1920. He commanded "B" Company from 1924 to 1925. He commanded "A" Company from 1926 to 1932 at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg and went to the Staff, Military District No. 10, in 1932. He was retired to pension on 14 September, 1934.

Recalled to service in World War 2, he served on the staff at Canadian Military Headquarters in London, England.

He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and awarded the OBE for service rendered.

He died on 6 April, 1955, at Worthing, Sussex. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. D. A. Clarke, a sister, Mrs. D. F. C. MacArthur, 870 St. Patrick St., Victoria, B.C.; and a brother Graham H. Clarke of California.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry William Pearson

Harry Pearson joined the Regiment in the field on 28 July, 1915, (411009), a member of the 1st University Company. He was transferred to 7 Brigade, machine gun company in 1916 and later was employed as an instructor in the Royal Flying Corps.

He saw service also in World War 2 when he was employed during 1940 in the Directorate of Personnel at Ottawa and later went to the Directorate of Prisoners of War.

He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Signa and Mary Anne, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. G. A. Holbrook of Ottawa; and Mrs. E. A. Austin of Toronto.

He died suddenly at his home, 39 Woodlawn Ave., Ottawa on 9 June, 1955. At the time of his death he was senior inspector, plant products division, Department of Agriculture.

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